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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK

REF: TAIPEI 5872

1. PREMIER'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, JAMES SOONG, HAS NOW INFORMED ME THAT MADAME CHIANG WILL BE DEPARTING TAIPEI ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 AT 9:30 A.M. ABOARD "PRESIDENTIAL" AIRCRAFT AND EXPECTS ARRIVE KENNEDY AIRPORT, NEW YORK 2030 LOCAL TIME, SEPTEMBER 17. SPECIAL AIRCRAFT WILL THEN PROCEED TO MCGUIRE AFB AND RETURN TO TAIPEI WITHOUT MADAME CHIANG. DURATION HER STAY IN NEW YORK INDEFINITE, PRESUMABLY DEPENDING ON MEDICAL FINDINGS.

2. DATT HAS BEEN GIVEN DETAILS OF ITINERARY FOR MADAME CHIANG TAIPEI TO NEW YORK AND FOR AIRCRAFT ON RETURN TRIP AND HE WILL BE INFORMING APPROPRIATE U.S. OFFICIALS TO ASSURE CLEARANCES, PROVISION OF NECESSARY SERVICES, ETC. ENTIRE PASSENGER LIST HAS ALREADY APPLIED FOR AND RECEIVED VISAS. IN MADAME CHIANG'S CASE, VISA GIVEN ON SPECIAL TRAVEL DOCUMENT RATHER THAN PASSPORT. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED FACILITATE ANY ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ENTRY AND EXIT OF AIRCRAFT WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED. ACCORDING TO SOONG, ROC EMBASSY WASHINGTON IS ALSO INFORMING DEPARTMENT OF VISIT.

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3. AT STOPS EN ROUTE (ANDERSEN GUAM, HICKAM HAWAII, TRAVIS CALIFORNIA), MADAME CHIANG MAY REMAIN ON AIRCRAFT OR MAY WISH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF VIP ROOM IF IN CLOSE PROXIMITY; DECISION TO DISEMBARK OR NOT SHOULD BE HERS. SHE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTS THAT THERE BE NO OFFICIAL MEETINGS OR GREETINGS AND NO HONORS; AT SAME TIME, SHE WILL NO DOUBT EXPECT SOME ESCORT AND ASSISTANCE IF SHE OPTS TO USE VIP ROOM.

4. THUS FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO PUBLIC MENTION OF MADAME CHIANG'S DEPARTURE OR TRIP AND INFORMATION STILL BEING HANDLED AS CLASSIFIED. REQUEST THEREFORE THAT AT STOPS EN ROUTE AS WELL AS IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK US OFFICIALS MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIAL HANDLING, WE WILL INFORM AT ONCE IF VISIT MADE PUBLIC.
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